

NM EQIP FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Irrigated Cropland - _____

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Applicant _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary _____ Final _____

1. Water Quantity - 80 Potential Points (20-40% of Total)

Irrigation Efficiency - Use FIRS to evaluate. Benchmark & After points equal actual % efficiency times any multiplier. Total equals after minus benchmark pts.			Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
% Efficiency	% of Area in Contract before Treatment	% of Area in Contract After Treatment	80		
1. Water Quantity			Total		

2. Water Quality - 50 Potential Points (25% of Total)

A. Surface Water Pollutants - 30 Maximum Points			
There is a probability that runoff water from irrigated fields contains sediment, salt, pesticides, and/or nutrients (or other associated chemicals). Treatment is needed to prevent these pollutants from entering live waters, or re-entering a shared irrigation system. Points will be awarded based on distance from the end of the field to the nearest live waters or re-entry point into a shared system. If there is no run-off, after points will be 0.			
Distance of Surface Run-Off to Live Water	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
<100 Feet	30		
101 - 500 Ft.	20		
501 - 1,320 Ft.	10		
1,321 - 2,640 Ft.	5		
>2,640 Feet	0		
A. Surface Water	Total		
B. Ground Water Pollutants - 20 Maximum Points			
There is a probability that irrigation water containing salt, pesticides, and/or other nutrients (or other associated chemicals) is leaching into the ground water. Treatment is needed to prevent these pollutants from contaminating ground water, through leaching and/or direct flow into wells. Points will be awarded based on depth to the water table or elimination of any direct discharge to ground water (regardless of depth to the water table).			
Depth to Water Table	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
1 - 10 Ft or elimination of any direct discharge into ground water.	20		
10 - 50 Ft.	10		
50 -100 Ft.	5		
>100 Ft.	0		
B. Ground Water			
2. Water Quality	Total		

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3. Selected Conservation Practice(s) - 60 Potential Points (25% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation schedule of operations must be cost-shared or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Water Quantity (Water management for irrigated land)			
Irrigation System Drip / Trickle (441)	14		
Irrigation System Sprinkler (442)	12		
Irrigation Water Conveyance (430)	6		
Irrigation Land Leveling (464)	4		
Land Smoothing (466)	2		
Water Quality (Surface and Groundwater)			
Irrigation System Drip / Trickle (441)	14		
Irrigation System Sprinkler (442)	12		
Irrigation Water Conveyance (430)	6		
Irrigation Land Leveling (464)	4		
Land Smoothing (466)	2		
Soil Erosion (Irrigation Induced)			
Irrigation System Drip / Trickle (441)	14		
Irrigation System Sprinkler (442)	12		
Irrigation Water Conveyance (430)	6		
Irrigation Land Leveling (464)	4		
Land Smoothing (466)	2		
Air (Dust and Air Temperature)			
Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)	2		
Plants (Suitability and Condition)			
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Animals (Habitat and Management)			
Wetland Restoration (657), Wildlife Watering Facility (648)	2		
Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)	2		
3. Selected Conservation Practices	Total		

4. Other Considerations - 20 Potential Points (10% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include it as item E.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	4		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	2		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/planned section 309 project.	2		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	2		
E. Land is involved with other conservation enhancement programs (ie, Part. For Fish and Wildlife)	2		
F. Class A and / or B Noxious Weeds are addressed within contracted area for management	8		
4. Other Considerations	Total		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Sec 1____ Sec 2____ Sec 3____ Sec 4____ Worksheet Total____

* A minimum of 50 total points must be earned to be considered for contract selection

Designated Conservationist _____

Date _____

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